

Focus Occupation: **Mental Health Counselors (21-1014)**

Focus occupation: Mental Health Counselors				
Employment and Growth				419/ 26.2%
Ave. Monthly Wage				\$4,753
Education/Experience	Master's degree			

Advance FROM Focus Occupation				
Occupation	Rung	Employment/ Growth	Education/Experience	Similarity
Psychiatrists (29-1066)	5	77/ 26.2%	PHD	87
Clinical, Counseling, and School Psychologists (19-3031)	4	143/ 16.3%	PHD	86
Therapists, All Other (29-1129)	3	182/ 32.8%	MA	70
Marriage and Family Therapists (21-1013)	2	n/a	MA	89
Healthcare Social Workers (21-1022)	1	323/ 27.2%	MA	81

Transfer TO and FROM Focus Occupation				
Occupation	Rung	Employment/ Growth	Education/Experience	Similarity
Child, Family, and School Social Workers (21-1021)	0	798/ 16.5%	BA	84

Advance TO Focus Occupation				
Occupation	Rung	Employment/ Growth	Education/Experience	Similarity
Counselors, All Other (21-1019)	-1	233/ 25.3%	MA	85
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers (21-1023)	-1	641/ 26.9%	BA	97
Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Counselors (21-1011)	-1	361/ 21.1%	HS	89
Rehabilitation Counselors (21-1015)	-2	387/ 20.2%	MA	71
Psychiatric Technicians (29-2053)	-3	462/ 24.2%	VOC	76
Social and Human Service Assistants (21-1093)	-3	1,352/ 18.9%	HS	84
Psychiatric Aides (31-1013)	-4	199/ 17.8%	HS	70

Important note: A worker does not necessarily have to traverse every rung to advance to or from the focus occupation. Occupations above and below the focus occupation are directly related to the focus occupation, but they are not necessarily directly related to each other. For example, actors and athletes are both related to agents of artists, performers, and athletes, but actors and athletes are not directly related to each other.

Analysis and development of the career lattice is by the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section.

Data sources used for research and analysis: O*NET (Occupation Information Network), Alaska Occupational Data Base (ODB), Standard Occupational Classification Manual, North American Industry Classification System manual, Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Employer Survey (OES) wage estimates.